

## ALL-IN Campus Democracy Challenge 2016 Action Plan

### Overview

Santa Clara University is engaging its student body to register to vote, gain resources about the variety of ways to vote, learn about the election process, participate in election-related events, and vote on Election Day.

### Goals

As a participating institution in the ALL-IN Campus Democracy Challenge, Santa Clara University has the following goals:

- Provide students with accessible ways to register to vote.
- Provide students with resources about the variety of ways to vote including absentee voting, voting in another state, and voting while abroad.
- Provide students with resources to learn about the election process.
- Provide students with opportunities to participate in panel-facilitated discussions during the four televised U.S. President and Vice President candidate debates.
- Provide students with a campus polling location so they have an accessible place to vote on Election Day.

### Elements

Santa Clara University's action plan for the ALL-IN Campus Democracy Challenge is comprised of the following elements:

- **Voter Registration**: The Associated Student Government (ASG) will be staffing voter registration tables at Benson Memorial Center during weekdays during the first five weeks of the fall quarter (September 19-October 21). At the voter registration table, ASG leaders will register students to vote, promote election-related events, and share resources about how, when, and where to vote as well as resources about the election process.
- **Debates**: All three U.S. President candidate debates and the U.S. Vice President candidate debate will be live streamed during campus events that include a facilitated discussion led by a panel of faculty and student leaders. There will also be a live on-campus debate featuring the candidates running for City Council positions for the City of Santa Clara.
- **Email Announcements**: ASG sends to the student body a weekly email titled "This Week at SCU" and includes a variety of messages. From the start of the fall quarter through the week of Election Day, ASG will include messages related to voter registration and elections (i.e. online resources, reminders, deadlines).
- **Online Resources**: The details of this action plan as well as online resources will be hosted on the following website: <https://www.scu.edu/csi/leadership/initiatives/voter>.
- **Campus Polling Location**: Santa Clara University will host a polling location in the Williman Room at Benson Memorial Center on Election Day. This polling location would be for on-campus students only, not for students who live off campus or for faculty, administrators, and staff.
- **Absentee Drop Box**: An absentee ballot drop box will be available at the east entrance to Benson Memorial Center starting on October 11. Absentee ballots are only for Santa Clara County.

- ***Election Central***: The east lobby of Benson Memorial Center has an information booth that displays information about voter registration, U.S. Presidential candidates (Republican, Democrat, and Libertarian), and California state-wide initiatives.

### Planning Committee

The planning committee for Santa Clara University's commitment to the ALL-IN Campus Democracy Challenge is chaired and advised by the following:

- Neil Datar, committee chair
  - Senior, Class of 2017
  - Senate Chair, Associated Student Government (ASG)
- Tedd Vanadilok, committee advisor
  - Director, Center for Student Involvement

Although not on the planning committee, the following faculty and administrators are instrumental as consultants and resources:

- Matt Cameron
  - Assistant Vice Provost for Student Life
- Dennis Gordon, Ph.D.
  - Chair and Professor, Political Science Department
- Sophia Neuhaus
  - Social Sciences & Government Information Librarian, University Library
- Melan Jaich
  - Lecturer, Communication Department

### Calendar

#### **Constitution Day – Election Central (Information Booth)**

September 16, 2016

@ Benson Memorial Center, East Lobby

#### **U.S. President Candidate Debate #1**

September 26, 2016, 6:00pm

@ Learning Commons, Lower Level

#### **National Voter Registration Day – Election Central (Information Booth)**

September 27, 2016

@ Benson Memorial Center, East Lobby

#### **Voter Registration – Tabling**

Weekdays from September 19-October 21, 2016

@ Benson Memorial Center, Plaza

#### **U.S. Vice President Candidate Debate**

October 4, 2016, 6:00pm

@ Benson Memorial Center, Williman Room

**U.S. President Candidate Debate #2**

October 9, 2016, 6:00pm

@ Daly Science Building, Room #207

**City of Santa Clara – City Council Candidate Debate**

October 17, 2016, 6:30pm

@ Locatelli Student Activity Center

**U.S. President Candidate Debate #3**

October 19, 2016, 6:00pm

@ Dunne Hall, Commons

**Election Day – Polling Location**

November 8, 2016, 7:00am-8:00pm

@ Benson Memorial Center, Williman Room

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